

To the Judiciary Committee,

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Removing the prohibition from Electronic Defense Weapons can offer law abiding citizens another choice for self-defense, but NOT at the expense of law abiding , responsible gun owners.

Just as Tasers have been in-effective many times for law enforcement, they and other Electronic Defense Weapons are LIMITED in their efficacy and are of CLOSE QUARTERS COMBAT necessity! If you choose a Taser, you MUST be "FACE TO FACE" with your attacker and it will become a physical fight!

For self-defense in a potential LETHAL ATTACK, when de-escalation or retreat are NOT possible, a FIREARM in the hands of a trained, law abiding citizen, IS THE BEST weapon of choice, when death is imminent.

Respectfully submitted,
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